

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING * BEFORE THE TEXAS
OF AQUATIC LIFE * DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HARVESTING AREAS * AUSTIN, TEXAS

AQUATIC LIFE ORDER NUMBER 13

Pursuant to Chapter 436 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and rules promulgated thereunder in Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 241, it is hereby ORDERED that:

Samples of fish and crabs taken from Cox Bay, Calhoun County, covered by Aquatic Life Order AL-1 issued by TDH on April 21, 1988, indicate that the levels of Mercury have decreased to an acceptable level. Consumption of fish and crabs from Cox Bay no longer pose a health threat.

Therefore, the Aquatic Life Order AL-1 for Lavaca Bay is hereby modified.

Therefore, the Commissioner of Health issues the following order:

The area of Lavaca Bay inshore of a line beginning at the last point of land at the northeastern approach of the Lavaca Bay Causeway, then in a southwest direction to Aquatic Life Marker A to Aquatic Life Marker B to Channel Marker #12, then in a southeastern direction to Aquatic Life Marker C to Aquatic Life Marker D to Aquatic Life Marker E to Channel Marker #74, then in a in a northeastern direction to Aquatic Life Marker F to the southernmost point of land on the spoil island east of the Ship Channel as outlined on the map dated January 12, 2000, is declared closed to the taking of finfish and crabs, effective 12:01 a.m., January 13, 2000.

This order modifies AL-1 issued on April 21, 1988

Issued on this 13th day of January, 2000, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Archer III", written over a horizontal line.

William R. Archer III, M.D.
Commissioner of Health
Texas Department of Health